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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI'S DISCUSSION OF ERITREAN PROBLEM WITH QAADHAFI

SUDANESE CHARGE' EL AHMEDI TOLD ME MARCH 10 THAT NIMEIRI
HAD SOUGHT TO CONVINCE QAADHAFI DURING HIS VISIT IN THE SUDAN
LAST WEEK THAT "THE ARABS SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO LOSE ETHIOPIA
IN THE PROCESS OF PROMOTING ERITREA." HE SAID NIMEIRI HAD
ARGUED THAT THE ARAB STATES COULD BRING ETHIOPIA INTO AN
ANTI-ARAB POSITION OVER A PERIOD OF TIME IF THEY PROVIDED
VIGOROUS SUPPORT TO THE ERITREAN INSURGENTS, AND THAT THIS
IN TURN COULD LEAD TO ANTI-ARAB REACTIONS IN OTHER AFRICAN
STATES WHICH ARE CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY. ACCORDING TO EL AHMEDI, QAADHAFI ADMITTED THAT
THERE WAS SOME FORCE IN THIS ARGUMENT.

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